

4. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the light-sensitive drug comprises actymicin D, paclitaxel, or vincristine.

~~5~~ 5. (Amended) A coating for a medical device, the coating having increased resistance to light and/or UV-radiation, the coating comprising:

- (a) a drug-polymer layer containing a drug;
- (b) a light- and/or UV-protective compound included in the coating; and
- (c) a topcoat layer disposed upon the drug-polymer layer.

~~5~~ 6. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim ~~5~~ 5, wherein the light- and/or UV-protective compound is dispersed within the topcoat layer.

~~6~~ 7. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein the light- and/or UV-protective compound is further dispersed within the drug-polymer layer.

cont ~~7~~ 8. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim ~~5~~ 5, further comprising a film-forming polymer layer disposed on the topcoat layer, wherein the light- and/or UV-protective compound is dispersed in the film-forming polymer layer.

~~8~~ 9. (Amended) A coating for a medical device, the coating having increased resistance to light and/or UV-radiation, the coating comprising:

- (a) a drug-polymer layer containing a drug;
- (b) a light- and/or UV-protective compound included in the coating,

wherein the light- and/or UV-protective compound is dispersed within the drug-polymer layer.

~~9~~ 10. (Amended) A coating for a medical device, the coating having increased resistance to light and/or UV-radiation, the coating comprising:

- (a) a drug-polymer layer containing a drug;
- (b) a primer polymer layer deposited between a surface of the medical device and the drug-polymer layer; and
- (c) a light- and/or UV-protective compound included in the coating.

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~~10~~ 11. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim ~~5~~¹, wherein the light- and/or UV-protective compound comprises carbon black or gold.

~~11~~ 14. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~5~~¹, wherein the medical device is a stent.

~~12~~ 15. (Amended) A method for fabricating a medical article, the method comprising forming a coating onto a medical device, wherein the coating comprises a drug-polymer layer containing a drug, and a light- and/or UV-protective substance incorporated into the coating.

~~13~~ 16. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~15~~¹², wherein the drug is a light-sensitive drug or a UV-radiation sensitive drug.

~~14~~ 17. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~16~~¹³, wherein the light-sensitive drug comprises actymicin D, paclitaxel, or vincristine.

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~~15~~ 18. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~17~~¹², further comprising a topcoat layer disposed upon the drug-polymer layer.

~~16~~ 19. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~18~~¹⁵, further comprising a film-forming polymer layer disposed upon the topcoat layer, wherein the light- and/or UV-protective substance is dispersed in the film-forming polymer.

~~17~~ 20. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~19~~¹⁵, wherein the light- and/or UV-protective substance is dispersed within the topcoat layer.

~~18~~ 21. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~20~~¹⁷, wherein the light- and/or UV-protective substance is further dispersed within the drug-polymer layer.

~~19~~ 22. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~21~~¹², wherein the light- and/or UV-protective substance is dispersed within the drug-polymer layer.

~~20~~ 23. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~22~~¹², further comprising a primer polymer layer deposited between a surface of the medical device and the drug-polymer.

~~21~~ 24. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~23~~¹², wherein the light- and/or UV-protective substance comprises carbon black or gold.

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